

Health Chapter Meeting Notes from October 18, 2012

Darryl Tufte:

- Gave Introduction
- Stated Purpose Statement

Ned Noel:

- Recapped the first meeting
- Reviewed screening worksheet results

Shayna Schertz :

- Gave results from City/County Community Health Improvement Survey

Darryl Tufte:

- Explained sub-group process

Sub-groups' Issues:



Issue	# of Dots Indicating Importance
PA/Active Living <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What should City do to develop parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skateboarding Beaches Winter sledding Provide <u>signage</u> for safe routes to school 	4 2
Food Nutrition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study ways to provide businesses incentives/tax credits encouraging small independent businesses to subsidize healthy food vendors to increase access 	14
Housing/Land Use/Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at zoning regulations to increase housing options for mixed <u>life stages</u> 	6
Crime/Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve safety at intersections for bicyclists/pedestrians Educate on current laws and also enforce current laws Improve crosswalk intersections 	7 6
Drug Use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study access/affordability/availability and concentration of ETOH-selling establishments (grocery/bars) and relation to binge/excessive drinking 	10
Environmental <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study <u>lighting</u> to encourage and increase trails for winter use 	11
Should the City consider using international (pictorial) signs for traffic control to help aid in visual clarity	10
Should the City consider assisting in renovation of older rental properties for fragile (elderly & handicapped) populations	12
Should the City study stagnant water in detention ponds and rain gardens for mosquito-borne diseases and West Nile, cyanobacteria	1
What should the City do to increase pedestrian safety in older sections of town	2
What should the City do to increase the amount of neighborhoods that are walkable, compact, and provide mixed-use development (i.e., homes above/near workplaces)	1

What should the City do about increasing access and availability to healthy food in our community	2
Should the City consider using more “crime prevention strategies” in the design of the built environment	
What should the City do about ensuring that homes and workplaces are up to code for providing healthy environments	
Should the City provide more opportunities for indoor exercise centers	1
Should the City consider noise standards for certain uses in the community	
Encourage sustainable business development for food production <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farming (land/green house, hydro/aqua) • Value added (can/frozen) • Distribution 	15
Limit sand mining and transportation (rail & trucking)	9
Urban development boundary (SSA)	2
Exceed code to include green building standards	7
Encourage energy and thermal efficiency residential and commercial	
Improve access to green space	
Increase bike lanes into city center	5
Examine the proximity and density of bars to UW and neighborhoods	10
More measures for crime prevention	1
How can we start and promote farm-to-school food system programs	9
Safe routes for safe pedestrian access to other public or well-used areas	2
What can we do to promote social interaction, like Phoenix Park	2
What can we do to encourage families to do things together throughout the city	
Can we require tobacco-free parks	1
Better utilization of the built environment for shared use, e.g., school playgrounds	2
Can we implement health impact assessments for infrastructure and development changes	5
What should the City do about public restroom availability or lack thereof	3
What should we do about zoning that does not encourage physical forms of transportation	2
Multi-income/building use neighborhoods	3
Ordinances that don’t encourage urban agriculture (compost beds, chickens)	5
What should the City do about common used river areas that are not designated use areas (water quality, access)	3
What can the City do to address lack of fast healthy quality food	4
What can the City do about landlords that don’t maintain properties	11
Second-hand smoke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public events in parks • Multi-unit residential 	4
Disconnected neighborhoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy roadways are dangerous to pedestrians and bikes • Trail/sidewalk gap – for recreation and transport • Safe crossings • Difficult to connect kids to school (safe routes to school) 	22
Access to fast food is too easy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too close to schools • #1 in fast food density • Too many fast food places in general • Should we map the density of fast-food establishments and regulate the density 	14
Access to grocery stores in neighborhoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walkable/bikable • Full service grocery downtown – needed • Convenience stores are unhealthy 	4

More neighborhood farmer markets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UWEC farmer's market ended? 	
Climate change/energy issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fossil fuel dependency – dirty air • Non-renewable energy for heating/electricity 	10
High speed of traffic – over speed limit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biking on roads that have high speeds is difficult 	1
Not enough community garden space in neighborhoods and schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community composting sites • Few season extension greenhouse options in the city 	1 4
Unsafe housing – rentals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire code • Architectural sanity (need good design for historic homes) (adaptive reuse of old structures) • Smoking in multi-unit apartments 	1 2
Building architecture is a wellness issue (new buildings good design)	1
Access to green space for physical activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to be in every neighborhood 	
Bike ability issues/walkable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should the City do to promote trail systems and bike lanes as a mode of transportation, e.g., commuting (non-recreation use) • Streets should accommodate all modes • Difficult to access bus system • Drivers/bicyclists need more education 	15
Obesity rate is high <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh vegetables • Access to community kitchens • Education/knowledge of nutrition 	1 1
Density is needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates more opportunities to walk/bike • Fewer parking lots would bring things closer together 	2
Drinking/driving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No safe places to leave cars overnight by bars 	
Marketing of resources available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trails/physical activity opportunities • Health care/nutrition • Trail maps 	
Bus transfer is not adequate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No restroom in transfer center • Very little space 	4